

Barry Moore's words:

"I know that my disease is something I caused myself. I wasn't asking for a free tag, I was just asking to get a tag. I feel very fortunate that I was able to go out twice for deer, being successful on my second day out.

Antelope hunting is different than deer hunting, though, and it has probably provided me with the most favorite hunting memories of my life. But I didn't get a tag. The last tag of my life, and I didn't get it. I know my social workers tried, really tried, but there was nothing anyone could do. I read the comments in the Billings Gazette after the article about me appeared, and so many people suggested I just go shoot an antelope, legal or not. First of all, I've never hunted illegally in my life. Secondly, the person I relied upon to take me teaches kids to be ethical and responsible hunters. She wouldn't have taken me.

I got my deer a few days after opening day of deer season. But it wasn't the same. I think they kept me alive long enough to do that, and I think they are still keeping me alive for this bill.

Please give this bill the consideration it deserves. I understand it might be difficult to determine who qualifies and who doesn't. But I'm pretty sure that if it is a one time deal, anyone who applies will have the necessary medical advice to suggest they won't make it through another season. If there are more than 25 applications, go with those who also have a Hospice recommendation. Then you know for sure they need extra consideration. I was willing to pay for a license, as I am sure most others would be as well. I was not asking for a free pass, just a pass, in my last days of living."

Thank you, for your consideration of HB 176, "Barry's Bill." I would be happy to answer any questions.